

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 7a and 7b are ~~is a side views of the~~ two alternative inserts for the toilet seat of the first preferred embodiment of the seat apparatus of the present invention; and

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 1 ~~and 7 to 9~~, 7a, 7b, 8 and 9, a seat 3 having a removable insert 16 is ~~thereshown~~. The seat 3 includes a top flange 17 which is capable of being supported by the seat frame 11, being raised and lowered therewith. The insert 16 is of a shape complementary to the internal shape of the top 9 of the bowl 7. Alternatively, the insert may be constructed from flexible material in order to conform to the inner shape of a range of different models of toilet bowl 7. Fig. 7b illustrates an alternative insert 16' having ~~[[,]] it may for example be of a bellows or concertina type construction, and shown in both extended and retracted positions. thereby~~ The concertina sides of the insert 16' providing a continuous connection between the bowl 7 and the seat 3 as the seat 3 is raised and lowered.

On page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 23 and 24 illustrate a preferred embodiment of the invention (with the toilet seat lid 19 in the closed and opened positions respectively). A toilet seat lid opening mechanism 120 for raising and holding the lid 19 includes a segment 160 about the centre 130 of which the lid 19 is hinged for rotation. The seat assembly 137 comprises the toilet seat 3 and the hinged lid 19 supported on the legs 5 that are received in holders 6 fixed to the clamping band 4 clamped to the toilet bowl 7 (shown in dashed outline). Mechanism 120 is operated by a foot lever 161 fixed to the lid 19 by a pivot 131 offset from the hinge centre 130 and slidably received within a collar 125 fixed for movement parallel to a longitudinal axis of the legs. A spring-loaded catch ~~122~~ 133 which rotates relative to the fixed segment 160 is biased to engage with teeth 132 formed in the periphery of the segment 160 to prevent rotation thereof, the catch 133 is releasable by

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actuation of the handle 121 or peddle 124, and thereafter returns to the locked position for holding the lid 19 in any one of a plurality of rotated attitudes. A mechanical linkage (of known type) includes sliding shaft 161 which is slidably fixed to collar 125. The peddle 124 and handle 121 are connected by the linkage to release the catch 133, the linkage further including a first bar 123 pivotally connected to the peddle 124 and connected to a rocker 134. The first bar 123 extends adjacent to the lever 161 and is received in the collar 125. A second bar 122 with which the catch 133 is engaged, is connected between the rocker 134 and the handle 121. Springs 135 and 136 connected to the peddle 124 and handle 121 respectively bias the catch 133 to engage the teeth 132.

On page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

To raise the lid 19, the user presses down on the peddle 124 thereby releasing the catch ~~122~~ 133, further downward movement acts on the foot lever 161 thereby rotating the lid 19, and then releasing the peddle 124 holds the lid 19 in position. Subsequently the lid can be closed by actuation of the peddle 124 or handle 121 to release the catch 133.